Shanghai sabotage: Inside Singham's secret strategy to demonize America

Fox News Digital follows the money into the House of Singham’s propaganda machine, including $9.1M to a company in China, Shanghai Maku, for pro-China propaganda, as lawmakers raise questions about malign foreign influence

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WATCH: Neville Roy Singham and conference attendees in Shanghai stand to ‘The Internationale,’ a communist anthem

The moment provides insight into the tone, messaging and propaganda of the Global South Academic Forum, held in Shanghai in November 2025 with the endorsement of the Chinese Communist Party. (Credit: Global South Academic Forum)

Part 3 of a five-part Fox News Digital series investigating the House of Singham documents the "Propaganda Work" that Mao Zedong taught as critical to winning the People’s War. This reporting includes analysis using cutting-edge technology, including large-language modeling.

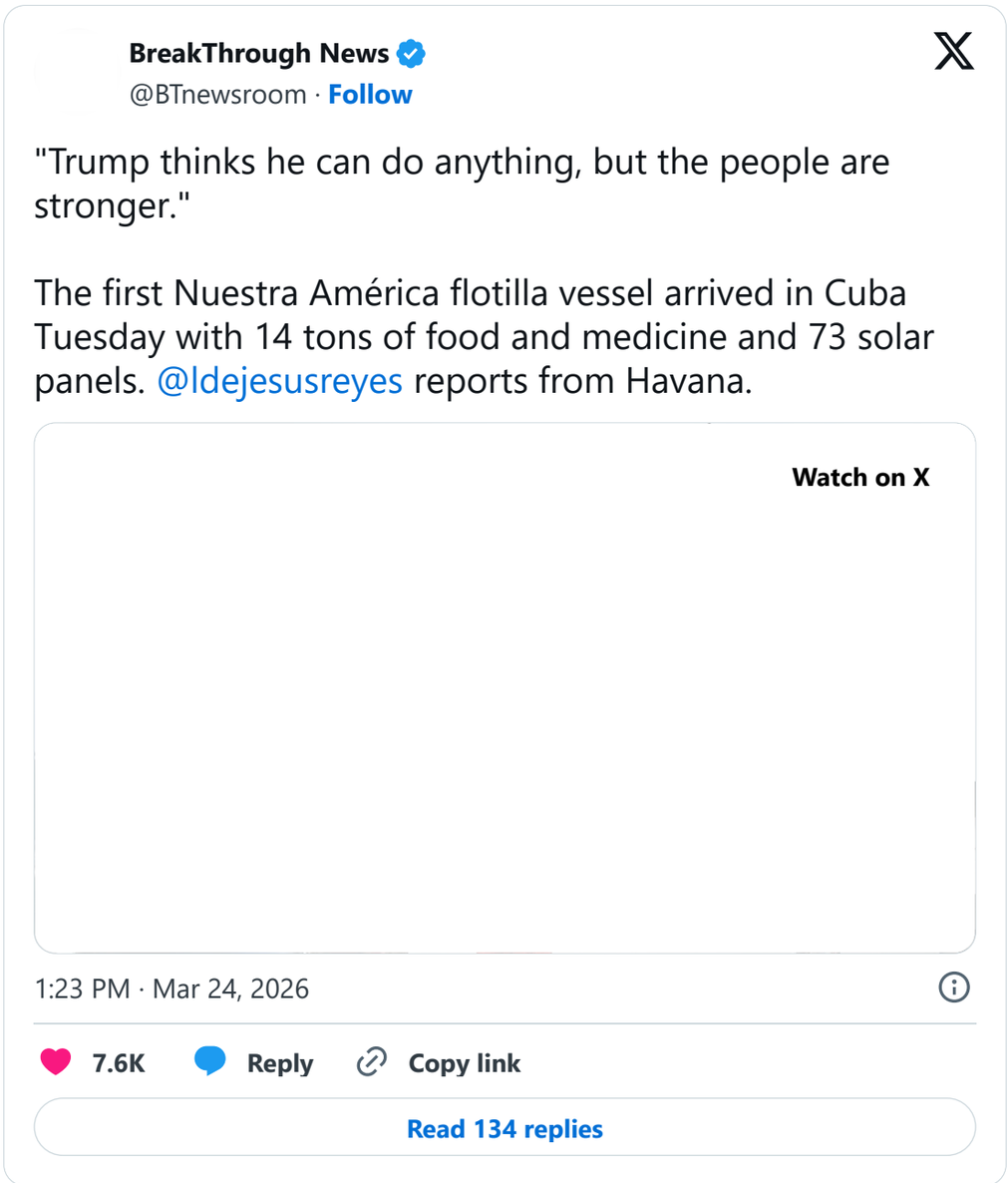
Early Tuesday, CodePink professional activist Olivia DiNucci raised her fist as she stood on the

deck of a boat renamed "Granma 2.0," in a tribute to the yacht Fidel Castro's guerrillas used to launch the Cuban Revolution in 1956.

Standing behind a banner reading "LET CUBA LIVE" as the boat arrived at the port of Havana, DiNucci, who normally organizes protests in Washington, D.C., mugged for the cameras with her fellow revolutionaries, chanting and pumping their fists in the air, as camera crews rolled.

Luis De Jesús, who writes for a site called BreakThrough News, recorded the arrival, part of days of coverage promoting the cause of pro-communism activists, including the Irish hip-hop trio Kneecap, and packaging the week's activities not just as activism, but as revolutionary political "resistance" against the U.S. "empire."

By afternoon, BreakThrough News posted a video of De Jesús' report on the boat's arrival, with a beaming DiNucci on board. Other pro-communist media platforms turned the staged event into a media moment, from the Cuban News Agency to Brazil de Fato.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"Trump thinks he can do anything, but the people are stronger."
The first Nuestra América flotilla vessel arrived in Cuba Tuesday with 14 tons of food and medicine and 73 solar panels. @ldejesusreyes reports from Havana.
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The scene offered a real-time glimpse of how a network built by an American-born, China-based tech tycoon, Neville Roy Singham, turns activism into propaganda and then propaganda into political and psychological weapons. In this case, the story of the Granma 2.0 framed Cuba as a victim of the imperialist U.S., and Cuba's communist benefactor and trading partner – China – as a liberator, providing rice to a hungry citizenry.

As he fought the People's War in the late 1930s in China, infamous communist leader Mao Zedong emphasized the importance of "Propaganda Work" and "the practice of changing reality."

Decades later, Chinese Premier Xi Jinping announced a strategy of "telling China's story well."

POWER COUPLE OF CHAOS: HOW A TYCOON AND ACTIVIST BUILT A 'REVOLUTIONARY BASE' AT THE HOUSE OF SINGHAM

Marxist tycoon Neville Roy Singham stands (7th from right) with participants of a Global South Academic Forum he co-sponsored with Tricontinental Ltd. and East China Normal University, which is managed by the Ministry of Education and the Chinese Communist Party. Tricontinental's Vijay Prashad stands to the left and East China Normal University's Lu Xinyu to the right. (Global South Academic Forum)

Last fall, pro-China academics, like Vijay Prashad, a trusted communist in Singham's inner circle, spoke at a conference of the Global South Academic Forum about creating a "New World Information and Communication Order," an idea popularized in the 1980s by Third World countries now called the "Global South."

The conference was co-sponsored by Singham, Prashad's Tricontinental Ltd. think tank and the Shanghai-based East China Normal University, and administered by the Chinese Communist Party. The university features a School of Marxism and teaches "Marxist journalism." Singham, Prashad and conference attendees closed the conference, standing at attention as "The Internationale," a communist anthem played, attendees pumping their fists in the air in solidarity.

A Fox News Digital investigation found that the "new information" strategy operates through a network of organizations that produce, fund and amplify messaging across borders.

Fox News Digital has identified at least 200 organizations in Singham's network of about 2,000 organizations that directly work on propaganda that parrots the anti-American messaging of the Chinese Communist Party but is dramatically homegrown in digital shops from New York City to Los Angeles.

The investigation found that three Singham-linked U.S. nonprofits sent a total of $9.1 million in seven payments to a pro-China propaganda firm, Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications Co. Ltd. The payments haven't been reported before.

Using large-language models, Fox News Digital analyzed 223 transactions that moved $591 million in total across five continents from 2017 through 2025, the latest year for which figures are available, in the Singham network and found the money flows through five concentric rings of an ideological pipeline that spreads pro-China propaganda.

Eleven U.S. nonprofit organizations form a core hub of the work that pumps pro-China, anti-America propaganda into the world, with a total of about $401 million flowing from Singham and his network into these organizations. The organizations didn't respond to requests for comment.

Fox News Digital previously documented $278 million that flowed directly from Singham into organizations that "sow discord" in the U.S., as House Ways and Means Chair Jason Smith put it recently at a hearing on foreign malign influence in the nonprofit industry. The rest went through layers of funding.

The 11 nonprofits and their total revenue from within the Singham network, including direct contributions from Singham himself, make most of these organizations well-funded:

- BreakThrough BT Media: $3.5 million, with $1.1 million directly from Singham
- CodePink Women for Peace: $1.8 million, with $1.3 million from SIngham
- Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization Inc.: $420,000
- Justice and Education Fund Inc.: $74.2 million, with $68.7 million from Singham
- People's Dispatch: $1.9 million
- People's Forum Inc.: $28 million, with $22.4 million from Singham
- People's Support Foundation: $181.8 million, with $167.5 from Singham

- People's Welfare Association: $70 million
- Progress Unity Fund: $442,524, with additional revenues from other sources
- Tricontinental Ltd.: $16.8 million from Singham
- United Community Fund: $21.8 million

Mao’s strategy relied on embedding revolutionary actors within social, cultural, labor and educational organizations to shape public consciousness, normalize radical narratives and gradually erode the legitimacy of the state from within.

Similarly, experts say, Singham's network cultivates activist ecosystems, using nonprofits and advocacy groups as force multipliers and framing local political and social conflicts as part of a broader systemic struggle.

That same dynamic is visible in real time, as protests, trips and political events are filmed, packaged and circulated as part of a broader narrative. DiNucci is a key figure, for example, regularly getting filmed and then broadcast on Singham network social media channels, interrupting the dinners, hearings and events of Trump administration officials.

In this model, disruption and polarization aren’t incidental but strategic, designed to weaken societal cohesion and authority over time, precisely the conditions Mao argued are necessary for victory against a stronger adversary.

"There is a war waging for the brains of Americans. It’s critical that America shore up its defenses before the nation is hijacked by confusion, manipulation and malign narratives," psychologist Orli Peter told Fox News Digital.

RED WEALTH, DARK MONEY: HOW AN AMERICAN TYCOON DEPLOYS MAO'S PLAYBOOK AGAINST THE WEST

As unrest escalated in Minneapolis, investigators uncovered a network of far-left activist groups allegedly bankrolled by Neville Roy Singham. (Photo by ROBERTO SCHMIDT / AFP via Getty Images / Photo by Dave Kotinsky/Getty Images for V-Day)

'Information Laundering Operation'

A Fox News Digital investigation, scouring scores of financial filings, writings and social media posts, shows not only money moving from Singham-funded entities into U.S. nonprofits, but these nonprofits in turn funding media production, political education and organizing campaigns that promote the narrative of the Chinese Communist Party. The U.S. nonprofits pushing the anti-America agenda benefit from tax-exempt status and tax-deductible donations.

What begins as content — videos, livestreams and commentary — often feeds directly into organizing and protest activity, creating a feedback loop between messaging and action.

"Neville Roy Singham and Jodie Evans are running an information laundering operation," said Adam Sohn, co-founder of the Network Contagion Research Institute, a multidisciplinary lab in Princeton, N.J. "It's a narrative laundering operation that is selling China's story to the world and sowing discord in America."

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A wedding in Jamaica in February 2017 between Singham and Jodie Evans, co-founder of CodePink Women for Peace, brought together ideologues who would later appear on the boards, funding streams and public messaging of this network. Tax filings document the transfers. The emergence of a network of "Liberation Centers" document the physical infrastructure.

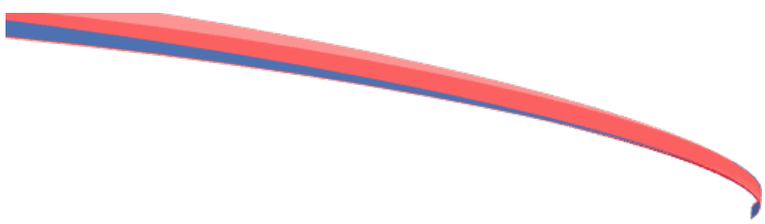
That network has matured into a transnational protest and media machine. Nearly a decade later, its infrastructure is visible on American streets, coordinated, funded and amplified by groups built quietly, deliberately and in plain sight. Singham and Evans didn't respond to requests for comment.

Last week, BreakThrough News broadcast DiNucci outside the White House protesting to support the regime that the U.S. and Israel are targeting with missile strikes in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

FAR-LEFT ACTIVIST GROUP FACES BACKLASH OVER 'TONE-DEAF' PROTESTS AT CUBA LUXURY HOTEL

Red Washing: US Nonprofits Buy Pro-China Propaganda

3 US nonprofits from the House of Singham funneled $9.1M to a propaganda firm, the Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. Ltd., which experts say is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.



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Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications Co.

Part of that system operates overseas, where funding supports media production aligned with Chinese Communist Party narratives. Significantly, there are a series of two line items that reveal just how closely this supposed charitable network works with organizations tied to the Chinese Communist Party.

Buried inside the tax filings are the receipts on how three U.S. nonprofits from the Singham network sent seven payments totaling $9.1 million in money back to Shanghai to pay a pro-China propaganda firm, Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications Co. Ltd., housed in the same luxury building as Singham’s operation. It’s not far from the university where Singham’s sister holds an academic position.

Guo Xiao, a former executive at Thoughtworks, the tech company founded by Singham and sold in 2017 for nearly $800 million, sits on the board of Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications, according to company records. Xiao didn't respond to a request for comment.

Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications Co. identifies itself as producing content aligned with Chinese Communist Party narratives.

Beginning in 2021, according to Fox News Digital analysis, three organizations from Singham's network sent over $9 million directly to Shanghai Maku Cultural Communications Co. in seven payments for "production of online news program," according to its tax filing.

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Year	U.S. Nonprofit Organization	Recepient	Address	Amount	Purpose of Funding	Source URL
2021	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. (contractor)	No. 1700 Gang Yan Highway Chongming District, Shanghai, China	$1,769,238	Production of Online Program	https://proj organizatio IRS990
2022	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. (contractor) 1	No. 1700 Gang Yan Highway Chongming District, Shanghai, China	$2,298,297	Production of Online News Program	https://proj organizatio IRS990
2023	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co.	No. 1700 Gang Yan Highway, Chongming District, Shanghai, China	$1,879,888	Production of Online News Program	https://proj organizatio IRS990
2023	People's Support Foundation Ltd.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. (contractor)	No. 93 Huai Hai Middle Road, Huangpu District Room, Shanghai, 200021, China	$142,154	Consulting Services	https://proj organizatio IRS990PF
2023	Tricontinental Ltd.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. (contractor)	Room 310B Building 4, No. 1825, Tia Shanghai, Changing District, 200042 China	$165,592	Research, Analysis and Translation Services	https://proj organizatio IRS990
2024	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Shanghai Maku Cultural Communication Co. (contractor)	No. 1700 Gang Yan Highway, Chongming District, Shanghai, China	$678,258	Production of Online News Program	https://proj organizatio IRS990
2024	Tricontinental Ltd.	Cultural Communication Co.	Middle Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, 200021	$2,196,176	Research, Analysis and Translation Services	https://proj organizatio IRS990
Total				$9,129,603		

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BreakThrough BT Media Inc.

One of the key organizations inside the broader transnational media apparatus in the Singham network is BreakThrough News, whose reporter met the Granma 2.0 at the port in Havana.

In a letter he sent to BreakThrough News last month, Smith said the House Ways and Means Committee is concerned that BreakThrough News is "part of a larger multipronged effort from the CCP to sow discord in our country" and that it has been "funded and influenced by Mr. Singham's CCP affiliations."

In early December 2019, BreakThroughNews.org was registered online. Early the next year, in early March 2020, "Breakthrough / BT Media Inc." was registered in Delaware as a new company. It got IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in June 2020 as Breakthrough BT Media Inc.

Singham gave a total of $1.1 million to BreakThrough BT Media Inc. over two years with the purpose of the tax-deductible donations written simply as "public service" and "medical / public services" in IRS Form 990 filings.

In its first IRS filing, documenting its 2020 work, Breakthrough BT Media Inc. listed familiar names among its three-person board of directors. Ben Becker, the son of another trusted Singham adviser, Brian Becker, was the chairman of the board. Today, Becker is on the Party for Socialism and Liberation's "Central Committee." Becker was also in Cuba this week to support the communist regime.

Another director was Claudia De La Cruz, a leader at the Party for Socialism and Liberation with Becker and a wedding guest.

Finally, a socialist leader named Karla Reyes was on the board. She is the daughter of immigrants from El Salvador and rose in the ranks from joining Occupy Wall Street protests to landing a spot on the Central Committee of the Party for Socialism and Liberation. She is today an active member of "ICE Out of New York," started by the People's Forum, its protests filmed regularly by BreakThrough News.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith is pressing Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to crack down on organizations that are "manipulating the Tax Code" to operate as nonprofits. (Ben Brewer/Bloomberg via Getty Images/Bill Clark/CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images)

In his letter to Reyes, Smith demanded records related to the organization's ties to Singham and the Chinese Communist Party. He requested that Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent remove the nonprofit status of organizations in the Singham network.

While BreakThrough News doesn't usually name the Chinese Communist Party directly, it regularly lauds Xi's regime. In 2021, BreakThrough News' host Rania Khalek promoted the "Chinese government" and its "eradication of extreme poverty within its border." She co-hosted the session with Tings Chak, a researcher at Tricontinental, the arm of the House of Singham that pumps out pro-China academic work.

The Singham network functions like a coordinated unit. In 2022, People's Forum gave BreakThrough a "non-cash" lease worth $318,596 for studio space at its W. 37th Street address.

BreakThrough's mission statement claims to be "unbiased towards any political candidates," but the far-left outlet even created videos during the 2024 presidential election highly critical of Democratic candidate Kamala Harris as wanting to "out-Trump Trump."

What began as a small, ideologically driven news platform became a broad multimedia machine producing documentaries, podcasts and social media content that amplified protest movements, international solidarity campaigns, especially around Palestinian issues and "anti-imperialist," anti-America narratives.

It's a member of the International People's Media Network, another part of the global House of Singham and a coalition of media platforms often publishing anti-America, pro-China content and sharing personnel with Tricontinental.

In 2023, BreakThrough News sent representatives to a conference hosted by the School of Communications at the East China Normal University, the public institution funded by the Chinese Communist Party's Ministry of Education. Singham’s sister, Shanti Singham, and his friend, Prashad, work closely with those institutions.

Following the arrest of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, groups in Singham's network organized protests within hours. BreakThrough News posted videos from the demonstrations. It did the same with protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

NewsClick

Fox News Digital has also tracked $10.5 million the Justice and Education Fund sent to New Delhi-based PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd. in five payments from 2019 through 2023 when the government of India shut the operation down for allegedly using donations improperly to run an anti-India, pro-China propaganda media outlet.

The government of India has sent Singham a criminal summons for alleged election interference, money laundering and terrorism, alleging he engaged in schemes to sow discord in India. The NewsClick case is still awaiting a trial date.

National security experts say it is critical to understand the big picture to fully value the command control of this global propaganda war with a tech tycoon as the motherlode.

CodePink professional staffer Olivia DiNucci stands (L) in a red Palestinian kefiyyeh with a crew on a mission they made to Cuba on a boat symbolically called "Granma 2.0." (Yuri Cortez / AFP via Getty Images)

Back in Havana, as DiNucci stepped onto the dock and cameras rolled, the moment reflected more than a single act of activism.

It showed how the Singham network's messaging system works in real time, capturing events,

shaping narratives and distributing them to audiences far beyond the street or, in this case, the dock.

In Mao’s terms, it is "Propaganda Work," not just reporting on the news, but helping define it.

From the dock in Havana, DiNucci played her role, shouting, "Viva la Cuba."

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Year	U.S. Nonprofit Organization	Recepient	Amount	Purpose of Funding	Source URL
Money to Breakthroug BT Media Inc.					
2022	GS Donor Advised Philanthropy Fund For Wealth Management Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	540,000.00	"PUBLIC SERVICE"	https://projects.propublica organizations/311774905 full
2023	GS Donor Advised Philanthropy Fund For Wealth Management Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	558,000.00	"MEDICAL / PUBLIC SERVICES"	https://projects.propublica organizations/311774905 full
Singham Total				1,098,000	
2020	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	225,092.00	CHARITABLE RELIGIOUS, LITERARY OI EDUCATIONA PURPOSES.	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 full
2021	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	442,657.00	CHARITABLE RELIGIOUS, LITERARY OI EDUCATIONA PURPOSES.	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 full
2022	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	257,936.00	CHARITABLE RELIGIOUS, LITERARY OI EDUCATIO	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 full
2022	People's Forum	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	318,596.00	$318,596 LEASE CONTRACT, OFFICE/ STUDIO SPACE	https://projects.propublica organizations/611844780 IRS990ScheduleI
2023	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	170,000.00	CHARITABLE RELIGIOUS, LITERARY OI EDUCATIONA PURPOSES.	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 full
2023	Progress Unity Fund, fiscal sponsor for the ANSWER	Breakthrough BT Media Inc.	45,000.00	Gen support educational	https://projects.propublica organizations/943382208 full

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Year	U.S. Nonprofit Organization	Contractor	Amount	Purpose of Funding	Source URL
2019	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd. 275 Khasra Westend Marg, New Delhi, India 110030	1,318,124.00	PRODUCTIO OF ONLINE NEWS PROGRAM	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 IRS990
2020	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd.	2,066,058.00	PRODUCTIO OF ONLINE NEWS PROGRAM	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 IRS990
2021	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd.	2,247,065.00	PRODUCTIO OF ONLINE NEWS PROGRAM	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 IRS990
2022	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd.	2,927,782.00	PRODUCTIO OF ONLINE NEWS PROGRAM	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 IRS990
2023	Justice and Education Fund Inc.	PPK NewsClick Studio Pvt. Ltd.	1,925,760.00	OF ONLINE NEWS	https://projects.propublica organizations/824975378 IRS990
TOTAL			10,484,789.00		

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